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NEW ADS. THIS WEEK.

Removal.
Castoria.
Brusell's Soap.
Fire Alarm Changes.
Geo. E. Grow—Safeties.
Wales Goodyear Shoe Co.
Horace I. Woods—Groceries.
Blodgett's Insurance Agency.
W. W. Grout—"Blood Will Tell."
C. C. Bingham—Mineral Waters.
T. C. Spencer—Sovereign Spoons.
Chas. S. Hastings—A Very Poor Man.
Dennis E. May—Reducing the Surplus.

Weather Record.

At Bingham's Drug Store, for the week ending May 6, 1891.

	Highest.	Lowest
Thursday	69	24
Friday	64	40
Saturday	61	37
Sunday	49	36
Monday	44	25
Tuesday	36	25
Wednesday	48	29

The dash (—) indicates below zero.

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

—The St. Johnsbury Guard are to take part in the Lyndonville Centennial celebration July 4.

—The North and South church Christian Endeavor societies give a social at the South church Saturday evening.

—Supt. Blossom is pushing the sidewalk repairs vigorously. He expects a "concrete walk" contractor here next week to see about more concrete walks in the village.

—The souvenir spoon "fad" has reached St. Johnsbury and T. C. Spencer has produced a spoon with St. Johnsbury and a pair of balances etched in the bowl.

—Summersville people claim that there is not a tenement to rent in the village and that anyone who would put up some cottages for rent could find a ready market.

—At the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon meeting this week Rev. G. O. Webster gave an address. Next Sunday Rev. C. M. Lamson will speak and there will be music by the Mahogany quartet.

—The numbers for South Park and Main street in the fire alarm service have been changed. The South Park number has been changed from 21 to 14, and the number for Main street from 41 to 73.

—Charles F. Weeks met with a slight accident at the depot Monday morning. His horse became frightened at the cars and started, throwing him under the wagon wheels. He escaped without injury.

—The Frost & Fanshawe Ideal company present "The Country Postmaster" at the Opera house next Monday night. The next three nights it is expected that Gertrude Norman and her company will be there.

—A concert will be given at the Church of the Messiah tomorrow evening for the benefit of the organ fund. The Cecilian quartet, a selected chorus, T. N. Shufelt and Miss Ina Howe, pianist, furnish the music for this entertainment.

—The lot and buildings, corner of Eastern avenue and Pearl street, now occupied by Geo. P. Moore's insurance office, have been purchased by N. M. Scott & Sons, possession given at once. B. M. R. Nelson of Barton was the previous owner.

—The letter carriers handled 89,400 pieces of mail matter last month, delivering 200 registered letters, 24,937 letters, 4888 postals, 23,523 newspapers and packages. They collected 2517 local letters, 25,495 mail letters, 947 local postals, 3352 mail postals and 3541 newspapers and packages.

—It is of rare occurrence to chronicle a shock of paralysis in a dog, yet that is what actually happened last week to the big Newfoundland dog owned by Landlord Flint of the Cottage hotel. "Major" weighed nearly 200 pounds and after the shock lost the entire use of his legs and had to be killed.

—The Academy nine were defeated by the Haverhill at Haverhill Saturday by a score of 6 to 3. It was a beautiful game only two errors being made by the visiting nine. The Academics had Shufelt and Gauthier for their battery and the former struck out seven of the Haverhill team. The Haverhill pitcher struck out 10 men. The heaviest batting record was one two base hit by one of the Haverhills.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. N. Randall is in Boston this week after summer goods.

J. B. Braley started on his annual trip to Minnesota Tuesday.

C. E. Dickerman returns Saturday from a business trip to Colorado.

Mrs. Alex. Stuart, a former St. Johnsbury resident, died at her home in Lyndon Monday.

H. P. Munson and wife of Morrisville were in town over Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hardy.

Mrs. G. E. Woodward of Morrisville was visiting Monday and Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Ethan E. Carr.

Mrs. Daniel Streeter went to Brownington Monday to care for a sick sister, and will remain there about a week.

Dr. John M. Allen is substituting in the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington during the illness of one of the professors.

Rev. J. C. Wright has gone to his new field as pastor of Jay Methodist church. His family will remove thither next week.

Alfred E. Watson, clerk of the railroad commission, was in town this week on his way to attend a session of the board at Montpelier.

L. S. Brock has left his position in the freight office and commenced Monday morning as assistant bookkeeper in Fairbanks' dry goods store.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Cook and her mother, Mrs. Shattuck, started for Oakland, Cal., yesterday, where they will make their home for the present.

The "Freisland" arrived at Antwerp Saturday after a passage of 10 days. Rev. Henry Fairbanks and family were passengers on this steamer.

Invitations have been received for the wedding reception of Miss Mary Abbie Merriam, formerly of St. Johnsbury, and Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, Kan., at her father's home in Topeka on Wednesday, May 20.

Dr. G. W. Ward of St. Johnsbury has been appointed veterinary inspector of the sub-ports of Island Pond and Newport, and has entered upon his duties. His headquarters will be in this town and he will go there when summoned. The salary is \$1200.

Burleigh Cummings, the 14-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Langdon J. Cummings, died at his home in Clinton, Ia., on April 27, his death being caused by whooping cough. He was their youngest child and they have the sympathy of many old friends in this community in their loss.

John F. Putnam, who was graduated from the Academy in the class of '86 and is a son of the late Rev. N. F. Putnam, has received the first Greek prize in the Senior class at Columbia college. This entitles him to a fellowship in the college upon graduation and enables him to pursue further study in Greek abroad.

Preston E. May, who left St. Johnsbury a few weeks since, and who was employed for nearly four years in the old Johnson store, by George A. Whitther and H. H. Carr, has gone into business with G. A. Whitther at South Manchester, Conn., the style of firm being G. A. Whitther & Co. They purpose removing the stock to Williamstown, Conn., a city of about 9000 inhabitants, where a new store is being fitted up for them.

Thornton P. Penfield, who was graduated from the Academy in 1886, has been appointed Sabbath school missionary for Minnesota by the Board of the Presbyterian church of the United States and will enter upon his duties next month. Mr. Penfield graduated from Columbia college last June and has been attending Union Theological seminary the past year. He has also been night editor of the New York Tribune and has written many interesting letters for these columns the past year.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS SPELT.

Following are some of the many ways in which some of the anxious little school children in St. Johnsbury recently vented their anxiety over the word "anxious":

Anshus, anxiosr, anxioxs, ancios, anches, anxhes, anxus, anxius, anchos, anchr, anchois, anchious, angess, angish, anish, antious, anchous, anzoers, anshioush, enchanix.

AT THE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. A. I. Davis, who has accepted the pastorate of the Free Baptist church, preached his first sermon on Sunday morning from the text "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God," Deut. 8: 11. He said that this text was as important now as it ever was. If our conceptions of God are not faulty we can remember God as he is, even as a sculptor whose ideals are true will produce a noble statue. God should be remembered in childhood. The influence over children by parents in forming first ideas is powerful and obligatory. As Mirabeau once said, "To teach a child liberty I would have the first word his lips utter be the name of Washington." So should the first word a child hears be the name of his God and Savior. God should be remembered in the years between 15 and 25, in the time of youth and starting in life. God should be remembered in the years between 25 and 50, when cares oppress the mind and burden life with their weight. God should be remembered at the close of life. Better a few years' short service for Him than none at all. But the imperative duty of all is to remember Him in the days of youth, "While the evil days come not." We are either for or against Him. There is no middle ground. We must take a decided stand and be counted one way or the other. The call comes now to every hearer.

SUPREME COURT.

The May term of the supreme court convenes here next Tuesday, with Justices Ross, Rowell, Munson and Start presiding. The docket contains the following cases:

Charlotte Sanborn vs. John T. Cole. Peach Thomas vs. Rodney F. Carter, et als. C. W. Gleason vs. George Van Dyke and Conn. River Lumber Co. This is a suit for damages by overflow from a dam built by the company in McIndoes. Gilchrist & Chamberlin vs. Philo B. Van Dyke, McIndoes, case involving the ownership of a spring. Decided in favor of Van Dyke, and appealed. George H. Nelson vs. Lewis H. Nelson, et al. H. G. Darling vs. George H. Stuart. Hall & Chase vs. E. E. Simpson, apt. Harvey K. Morse vs. Chester Willey. State vs. William L. Switzer, for obtaining money under false pretenses from Mr. Tibbets of Burke. Lyndon Mill Co. vs. Lyndon Institute. Involves an account of \$600 for wood furnished the Institute. Claim that under arrangement the bill was to be paid by Dudley P. Hall, president of the Institute. Exceptions by defendant. W. L. Good vs. Thomas Knox and George R. Eaton. Arthur Wilder vs. St. J. & L. C. railroad. Exceptions by both plaintiff and defendant. First National bank of St. Johnsbury vs. H. J. Goodrich & Co. Suit for damages to St. Johnsbury house from defective tin roof put on by Goodrich & Co. Exceptions by defendant. Cahoon & Hoffman vs. Jacob Benton. J. D. McAllister, admr. of James White's estate, vs. Ann C. White, apt. State vs. Carlos Welch. Henry McCole vs. L. R. Varnum. George Ranney, admr. vs. St. J. & L. C. railroad. This is the famous case of the estate of Mrs. Ruth H. Richards of Kirby, which was tried at the June term a year ago. Suit was brought for \$15,000 damages. Mrs. Richards, among others, changed cars here for Lowell, Mass., waiting upon the small platform east of the depot which was then in use. Two trains came in and confined the passengers upon the platform between them. Mrs. Richards fell under the cars and both limbs were cut off, from which injury she died. The attempt was, upon each side, to prove negligence. A disagreement of jury made necessary a new trial.

W. H. Preston, Admr., vs. St. J. & L. C. R. R., is another railroad case. In this suit the defendant took exceptions from the December term of 1890. The plaintiff brings suit to recover damages for the death of Charles C. Blood who fell off a lumber car near West Concord Oct. 19, 1889 and died of his injuries Nov. 11, 1889. Blood, who was a brakeman, was thrown off the train by the breaking of a stake which held the lumber on the car, and a portion of the lumber was thrown off carrying Blood with it.

THE VERMONT CONFERENCE.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu of New Orleans was in charge of the Methodist conference this year which opened at Northfield Thursday morning, April 23. Officers were elected as follows: Richard Morgan secretary, (24th consecutive term), G. E. Smith and G. L. Story assistants; F. W. Lewis statistical secretary, W. I. Todd, W. S. Smithers and G. O. Howe assistants; Leonard L. Bee-man treasurer, R. W. Bruce, E. E. Reynolds, C. F. Partridge and F. W. Hamblin assistants.

On Friday Rev. S. Donaldson, presiding elder of St. Johnsbury district, reported 31 churches in his territory, 29 church edifices, 3200 church members; aggregate value of church property \$144,800; active work all around. Two pastors had died during the year—Rev. H. P. Cushing of East Burke, and Rev. M. P. Bell of Craftsbury. He recommended itinerant camp-meetings in place of the present unsatisfactory regime.

Rev. L. H. Elliott, secretary of the Vermont Bible society, reported that one family in 12 through the state were without a Bible. After deducting the Roman Catholic people, just one-half the state's population attend church. In Caledonia county 63 per cent attend church and 37 per cent attend Sunday school.

St. Johnsbury and Montpelier presented invitations for the next meeting-place and Montpelier was decided on.

Rev. G. M. Curl preached the Missionary sermon from Ps. 77: 6, "He shall come down as rain and as the showers that shall water the earth."

The Woman's Home Missionary society held its anniversary and business meeting Saturday. The four vice-presidents are presidents of the four districts. Mrs. G. M. Curl is president of St. Johnsbury district and Miss D. J. Powers secretary.

On Sunday afternoon Rev. T. P. Frost of Brooklyn, formerly of St. Johnsbury, preached from Psalm 118: 25. Arrangements are to be made to form a state Epworth league. Josiah Ward of St. Johnsbury was ordained deacon.

The vote on the admission of women as lay delegates to the general conference was announced as follows: In favor, 1142, against, 584; majority for admission, 558. Vote of the clergy: In favor, 46, against, 47; majority against, 1.

The meetings were characterized throughout by a spirit of deep devotion and interest. It has been 20 years since Northfield had the conference and a good opportunity was afforded to study the growth made by the denomination.

THE COUNTY'S POPULATION.

We have received another bulletin from the census office giving the population of the towns in this county in 1890 and also in 1880. The population of St. Johnsbury village is exclusive of Summersville which has 1004 inhabitants. Groton, Hardwick, Lyndon, Ryegate and St. Johnsbury are the only towns that have gained in the last decade, though even their gains do not offset the losses in the other 12 towns, so that Caledonia county shows a net loss of 171. St. Johnsbury's gain in 10 years is 13.22 per cent. Here is the table:

Barnet	1,897	1,907
Burke	1,198	1,252
Danville	1,784	2,003
Groton	1,040	1,014
Hardwick	1,547	1,484
Kirby	355	398
Lyndon, whole town	2,619	2,434
Lyndonville alone	606	788
Newark	536	679
Peaoham	892	1,041
Ryegate	1,126	1,046
St. Johnsbury whole town	6,567	5,800
St. Johnsbury village alone	3,857	3,360
Summersville	750	884
Stannard	239	252
Sutton	746	838
Walden	810	931
Waterford	734	815
Wheelock	596	829
Total	23,436	23,607

THE STEAMER MAQUAM.

The Boston and Maine railroad have decided to run the steamer Maquam between Maquam and Plattsburgh this season with landings at the islands. Charles B. Gray of Burlington has been appointed her commander. Capt. Gray is a born sailor with some experience, which with his thorough acquaintance with the people of Grand Isle county, cannot fail to make him an efficient and popular commander. The Maquam will be put in thorough repair, work beginning May 1, and it is hoped to have her ready for commission by May 15.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Natural History society was held in Athenaeum hall Tuesday evening and was one of the most interesting and profitable meetings of the season. It was voted to begin at once to prepare a list of the fauna and flora of this vicinity, together with a list of minerals and shells. It was also voted to make an effort to secure a lecture for the public and society by some scientist from abroad. C. S. Adams, Mrs. Walter P. Smith and J. S. Meigs were appointed as a committee to have this matter in charge. These papers and topics were presented: "The Sandstone of the Museum," Mrs. C. M. Lamson; "Notes from Prof. Guyot's Lecture," J. S. Meigs; "Bird Notes," Arthur F. Stone; "The Cranberry," Mrs. E. A. Farr; "Ferneries," Mrs. Walter P. Smith; "Spring Flowers," Miss M. E. Hoyt; "The Stoat or Ermine," C. H. Horton. The specimen shown was shot in Fairbanks village and the animal is a common resident of this community, Audubon to the contrary notwithstanding.

BOARD OF TRADE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Monday evening, President Turner in the chair. These additional standing committees for the year ensuing were announced:

Committee on mercantile affairs, L. N. Smythe, James Ritchie, John A. Moore, C. H. Bagley, H. J. Goodrich, F. A. Scott, T. C. Spencer, C. A. Calderwood, Irving N. Smith.

Committee on transportation, the president and two vice-presidents, consisting of H. N. Turner, R. MacKinnon and A. H. McLeod.

Committee on village improvement, the directors, consisting of A. L. Bailey, O. S. Abbott, Elmore T. Ide, George H. Cross, E. H. Blossom, W. L. Russell, L. D. Hazen, B. G. Howe, William L. Pearl.

The president announced that the directors had leased rooms in the Republican block and that furniture and fixtures for the rooms had been ordered.

These new members were admitted: E. R. Jenkins, George C. Burnham, F. W. Taylor, John Ryan, O. W. Orcutt. The present membership of the Board is 97.

HORSE GOSSIP.

A stallion exhibition under the auspices of the Northern Caledonia Fair association will be given at their grounds at Lyndonville next Wednesday. All horsemen are interested in this meeting and all lovers of good horseflesh should be there. The horse fairs which have been given in St. Johnsbury have always had plenty of entries but a small attendance. This should not be so. The public should patronize such exhibitions and take an active interest in the farmers' attempts to raise better horses. The Passumpsic railroad offers reduced rates over its entire division and the first stallion exhibition of this society should have a large attendance. General W. W. Grout will deliver the address.

Gen. Grout's promising stallion, Henry S., is advertised in another column. This well-blooded stallion has produced some very speedy trotters.

The reported price of Sprague Superb, William S. Bailey's new stallion, was \$2010. It was purchased at the Kellogg sale in New York.

A REMARKABLE TRIP.

Occasionally the Caledonian chronicles a fast freight trip across the continent by the Canadian Pacific road. Now comes the record of probably the quickest transcontinental trip ever made. The train which came through here last Sunday morning at 1.30 on its way to Boston left Vancouver Tuesday and was in Montreal Saturday, having made the trip across the continent in four days. On board the train was Rev. T. P. Field of Amherst, just returning from a voyage around the world. Sixteen days ago he was in Yokohama. He came to Vancouver on the new steamer Empress of India and across the continent on a train which carried the mails for the Canadian steamer. Dr. Field enjoys the distinction of having made the trip in the shortest time on record.

THE FRATERNITIES.

What They Are Doing in This Vicinity

A public installation of officers in the Haswell chapter, R. A. M., will be held Tuesday evening, May 12. Invitations are extended to Masons and their wives and ladies of the Eastern Star. Commandery meeting tonight.

The annual meeting of Palestine commandery, K. T., will be held Tuesday evening, May 19.

A new encampment of Patriarchs Militant is to be instituted at Barton May 15. A number from the St. Johnsbury encampment will assist in conferring the degrees. This event was to have occurred May 1 but was necessarily postponed.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE NOTES.

W. W. Smith '93, Academy '89, has been ill with measles but is attending exercises again.

W. O. Smith '91, Academy '87, spoke before the college recently upon different phases of the late troubles with Italy.

Among the Y. M. C. A. officers for next year are J. M. Norton '92, Academy '88, president, and Quincy Blakeley Jr., '94, Academy '90, recording secretary.

J. L. Merrill '93, Academy '89, has received an appointment on the Coast Survey for the summer.

M. O. Edson '91, Academy '87, is at Amherst, Mass., this week attending the annual Psi Upsilon convention.

The first division of the Freshman class is engaged in practical surveying. Among those appointed directors of the several sub-divisions are: M. B. Jones and W. H. Merrill, Academy '90, and F. A. Balch, Academy '90, has the second position, scribe, of one sub-division.

M. B. Jones '94 is at Waitsfield, to attend the funeral of his classmate at St. J. A. '90, Fred R. Bushnell.

Commencement parts were assigned Tuesday and B. S. Gilman of Randolph, salutatorian of Academy '86, leads the class, having the valedictory with oration; subject, "Kant and Modern Life." C. H. Willey of Barton Landing, Academy '87, has a dissertation upon "The New Atomic Theory."

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.

W. S. Smith is preparing to erect a new house on Pearl street below O. H. Henderson's.

Daniel Streeter has bought Marshall Clifford's half-interest in the Prospect street tenement owned by them for \$1500, thus becoming sole proprietor. This half was bought two years ago for \$1000.

C. H. Bagley has sold another building lot at the north end of Railroad street for \$750. A new house is to be erected thereon this summer.

Dr. J. O. Goyette has sold his drug business in Ward's block to Charles D. Bagley of Richford, Me., for \$2800, and gives possession on or before May 12. Dr. Goyette will devote his time to his profession.

THE ST. JOHNSBURY BAND.

The St. Johnsbury Band has organized for the season of 1891 and is doing faithful work. This organization is worthy of a liberal support by our citizens and should receive it. Here is the roster of the band:

Geo. C. Felch, piccolo.
E. T. Cooke, Eb clarinet.
H. B. Carpenter, Bb clarinet.
A. J. Burdick, "
J. H. Moore, "
R. S. MacKinnon, "
J. Wesley Batchelder, solo cornet.
J. A. Farlin, cornet.
H. A. Bartlett, "
H. E. Dean, "
P. S. Weeks, alto.
E. H. Harris, "
J. A. Lane, "
S. H. Kent, trombone.
A. J. Batchelder, "
W. A. Smith, "
H. M. Cheney, baritone.
M. H. Wilcox, tuba.
F. D. Bowker, "
H. F. Gaskill, snare drum.
U. S. Grant, bass drum.
W. H. Herrick, Director,
H. M. Cheney, Agent.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Smith was appropriately celebrated at their residence last Thursday evening. A houseful of their friends assembled and after merry-making presented the couple with two easy chairs among numerous other presents, Rev. G. O. Webster making the presentation speech. The occasion was a complete surprise.

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